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SUBJECT:

Payment of BOD Travel of

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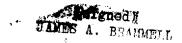
1. is being entered on duty for assignment to the Far East-Pacific Branch, Geography Division, ORGI. In my view, he is fully qualified as a geographer to undertake Far Restern work at a jumior professional level. It is our assumption and belief that after on-the-job experience, will become a fully qualified Far Eastern specialist.

25X1A fits into the category of Geographers that I referred to in my memorandum of 13 September 1967 to the Deputy Director for Support, requesting payment of EDD moving and travel costs for hard-to-recruit personnel. He fully qualifies as a geographer with training in Far Eastern studies and is in the hard-to-recruit" category. It would be difficult to define his degree of specialization in Far Bastern studies, and I assume that it was not the intent of Mr. in approving the coverage of travel costs for geographers in Far Eastern studies to insist that they all be specialists. does have the potential for becoming a specialist and this is what counts.

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3. I sincerely hope that we will not be held up on approval for payment of travel and transportation of household effects by the interpretation of the word "specialist".



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